

What is claimed is:

1 1 (currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly for plumbing
2 fixtures, comprising:
3 a mounting fixture for fastening the assembly in place,
4 an arm jutting out of the mounting fixture,
5 a pivot joint for joining the arm to the mounting fixture,
6 a **normally engaged** brake for locking the arm in place, and
7 a ratchet that allows pivoting of the arm in one direction **while the**
8 **brake is engaged;**
9 **wherein by disengaging the brake the arm can be pivoted without**
10 **unlocking the ratchet.**

1 2 (previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein at least one of the brake and the ratchet are part of the pivot
3 joint for the arm.

1 3 (previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein a pivot axis of the pivot joint is horizontal.

1 4 (previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein the ratchet acts on a sleeve or collar while joined relative to
3 the arm.

1 5 (currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim ~~4~~ ~~(4)~~, wherein the ratchet has a pawl arranged on the mounting fixture
3 and wherein the pawl has a length equalling that of the sleeve or collar.

1 6 (previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein the brake is fastened to the arm such that the brake is
3 constrained from rotating with respect to the arm.

7(currently amended). **An articulated-arm assembly for plumbing fixtures, comprising:** ~~An articulated arm assembly according to claim 1,~~
a mounting fixture for fastening the assembly in place,
an arm jutting out of the mounting fixture,
a pivot joint for joining the arm to the mounting fixture,
a brake for locking the arm in place,
a ratchet that allows pivoting of the arm in one direction, and,
wherein the joint joining the arm to the ratchet is created by the brake.

8(previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1, wherein the brake is a friction brake.

9(currently amended). **An articulated-arm assembly for plumbing fixtures, comprising:** ~~An articulated arm assembly according to claim 4,~~
a mounting fixture for fastening the assembly in place,
an arm jutting out of the mounting fixture,
a pivot joint for joining the arm to the mounting fixture,
a brake for locking the arm in place,
a ratchet that allows pivoting of the arm in one direction,
wherein the ratchet acts on a sleeve or collar while joined relative to the arm, and,
wherein the brake engages a cylindrical inner surface of a collar of the ratchet

10(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim ~~9~~ **4**–, wherein the brake is arranged coaxial with a collar of the ratchet.

1 11(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein the brake contains several brake shoes having motions with
3 at least one radial component.

1 12(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 11, wherein the brake shoes are actuated by at least one conical
3 component that may be translated in an axial direction.

1 13(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 12, comprising a pair of counteroriented conical components whose
3 separation is adjustable.

1 14(original). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 13,
2 wherein the pair of conical components jointly have axial play.

1 15(currently amended). **An articulated-arm assembly for**
2 **plumbing fixtures, comprising:** ~~An articulated arm assembly according to~~
3 ~~claim 1,~~

4 **a mounting fixture for fastening the assembly in place,**
5 **an arm jutting out of the mounting fixture,**
6 **a pivot joint for joining the arm to the mounting fixture,**
7 **a brake for locking the arm in place,**
8 **a ratchet that allows pivoting of the arm in one direction,**
9 wherein the brake is spring-loaded.

1 16(previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein a space accommodating at least one of the brake and the
3 ratchet is sealed with respect to the ambient.

1 17(previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein the brake has an adjustable braking force.

- 1 18(previously presented). An articulated-arm assembly according to
2 claim 2, wherein the ratchet acts on an outer surface of the sleeve or collar.